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AT A GLANCE

JULY

- 15-16 MDMH BOARD MEETING
- 29 MERIDIAN DAY @ NESHOPA FAIR
- 30 SUMMER SIZZLE (BASAC)

CHRISTMAS IN JULY DONATIONS THROUGHT THE MONTH OF JULY.

AUGUST

- 6 RETIREMENT RECEPTION
- 12 SUMMER SIZZLE
- 12 - 14 ALZHEIMER'S CONFERENCE (PEARL RIVER RESORT)
- 12 - 13 MDMH BOARD & DIRECTOR'S MTG (CORINTH)

SEPTEMBER

- 7 LABOR DAY
- 16 MDMH DIRECTOR MTG (GREENVILLE)
- 17 MDMH BOARD MTG (GREENVILLE)

OCTOBER

- 14 MDMH DIRECTOR MTG (EMSH)
- 15 MDMH BOARD MTG (EMSH)
- 31 EMSH HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

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EMSH: "MOVIN' ON UP"

State-of-the-art Dietary and Laundry facilities puts EMSH ahead of the curve in 2009

In the upcoming months, EMSH employees and visitors will notice a frenzy of activity that will be taking place on the main campus of EMSH. At the end of 2008, legislators approved House Bill 1641, which included the first phase of demolition for the James T Champion building, located on the west end of the EMSH main campus. During this session they also approved and appropriated funds for new Dietary and Laundry facilities on campus.

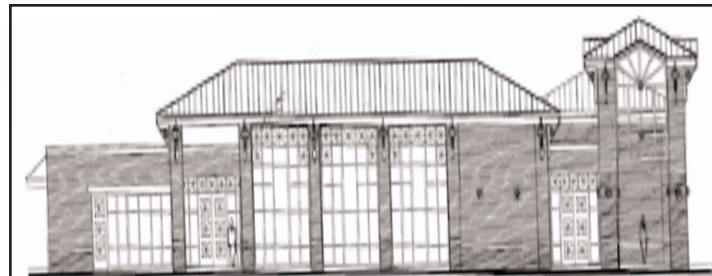
Designed by Robert Lewis Architects of Clinton, who also designed the dietary buildings at Hudspeth and Ellisville State School, the new state of the art Dietary facility will feature enlarged dining areas for individuals served as well as a staff dining area and meeting room. An enhanced administrative area and expanded storage areas should make this facility one that exceeds EMSH's needs for many years to come. "After touring several other facilities built by Robert Lewis and seeing the high quality work that was done, EMSH should expect nothing less in the new buildings that will be built," says Kelly Mitchell, Administrative Services Director.

The new laundry facility will also be designed by Robert Lewis Architects. This will be the second government owned facility in the State of Mississippi that is built for the purpose of laundry services. The other building is located at



ABOVE: Picture of proposed Laundry facility.

University Medical Center in Jackson. "Building a laundry facility of this type presents many benefits that we have not been able to have in the past," says Mitchell. "We will be able to better control climate and lint, and we will have the opportunity to maximize our use of space." Since most commercial laundry equipment is large and oddly shaped, the building will be built around the equipment, resulting in a more efficient and safer operation than what EMSH has had in the past.



ABOVE: Picture of proposed Dietary facility.

Now that the money for the projects has been secured, the next step will be to take the blue prints of the buildings and meet with the architect, Dietary and Laundry staffs, and arrange the buildings to where they best meet EMSH's needs. Over the next several months a contractor will be selected, new equipment will be ordered and new furniture and color schemes will come into play. Says Mitchell, "All in all, we expect to begin breaking ground toward the end of the year and hope to be finished with the project by

next summer, pending no further set backs in the building process."

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Looking out the window on to the main campus of ESMH, I see activity everywhere! Summer is here and ESMH is in forward gear with rejuvenation projects.

Work is being done on the Grove to remove the dead tree limbs and the old greenhouse. A demolition project of the Champion Building has begun with a safety fence being installed around the building. Although we are unsure at this time exactly when the building will come down, we will diligently continue to keep employees updated about the progress of the building.

The area that many like to call Central Park is also getting a face lift. At the beginning of June the old decks and concrete were removed and leveled off. New plants have been ordered to place in the area and plans are underway to build a new gazebo for everyone to enjoy. Receiving IV is also getting some much needed attention with a newly renovated nursing station and better located staff offices.

On a larger note, we are thankful for the funding we received from Medicaid back payments, which will allow us to go ahead with the Laundry building and the Dietary building construction. The appropriated money allows us to incorporate back into the design of the Dietary building the employee dining hall, which was previously taken out, and also gives us the go ahead to purchase new equipment.

I would like to extend a special thank you to the NTTC Shipmates from NAS-Meridian for coming out to help us clean up the area around our lake at the Bradley Sanders Adolescent Unit. The lake has been stocked with copper nose bream and Florida bass and is open to our individuals receiving services for fishing. The Shipmates also helped in the clean-up of Cedar Haven Cemetery, which has garnered press activity in both the Meridian Star and Clarion Ledger in recent weeks. It is the kindness of volunteers like the Shipmates, and many others who give of themselves that makes for good memories for all of us at ESMH.

I want to encourage everyone to take a look around at the progress that is taking place on the campuses of our facility and be encouraged by the great things that are yet to come!

Sincerely,

Charles Carlisle,
Director, East Mississippi State Hospital



FRIENDS UPDATE

I hope that all of you are enjoying your summer so far. On behalf of the Friends Board, I want to congratulate the Meridian Open Golf Committee on a successful 3rd year. Approximately \$10,000 was raised to benefit the Friends Organization. We appreciate committee chairman, Larry McKnight and the other members of the committee for their hard work in putting the tournament together. I also want to thank all of you who supported our recent book fair and handbag/fragrance sale. Even in these tough economic times, we had good sales. I encourage you to make plans to visit our cookware sale coming up in July and provide us with feedback about the products offered since this is our first sale of this kind. Your support of all these events allows the Friends Organization to continue our work for individuals receiving services and employees.

Since the last edition of Eastern Exposure, Friends has sponsored several activities/events including employee scholarships, employee appreciation activities, replacement of employees' torn uniforms, purchasing a cemetery marker for an indigent patient and collaborative funding for a grant for Magnolia Grove School.

We are asking for your input for other worthwhile projects, especially those that will benefit the individuals receiving services at ESMH. If you have a project proposal, please provide a description of the project and an estimated budget to Betty Stamm, ESMH Friends secretary for review by the Board. Proposals should be limited to projects that the hospital cannot provide. Your input is always appreciated.

As the summer weather heats up, try to stay cool and remember to always be a friend.

Everette Kimbriel, President
ESMH Friends Organization

In the March 2009 Eastern Exposure the memorial service date for Chaplain Dennis Harris was stated to have been on August 14, 2008. The memorial service was actually held on Tuesday, September 23, 2008 in the Silas B. Harrington Chapel.

In March 2009's Eastern Exposure article "A Witness to History" Psych Associate II, Dawn Wright, was referred to as a Psychology Tech. We apologize for the misinformation.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...



Mary Simpson, stands by a display table at the BASAC Prevention Services Family Day.



RPWNF residents Barbara Essary, Henry Tardo and Tina Fontain pose with ESMH employee Diana Eggler after MLT's "A Chorus Line" performance.



Councilmen Jesse Palmer Sr. and Dr. George Thomas discuss issues with CAO Larry McKnight at the ESMH Municipal Meet & Greet.



NTTC Shipmates help serve food at the Relay for Life garage sale.



Social Worker Mia McDonald and Kim Litchfield of Nursing Services enjoy BASAC's Spring Fling.



An employee of Anytime Fitness shows a strength test to employees at the Wellness Fair.



A group of nursing students from the University of Mississippi chose ESMH as their psychiatric study before graduation.



Pam Grayson, RFL team chairperson, awards Denise Swogetinsky with a \$50.00 gift card from an RFL drawing.



The ladies of MUNA Federal Credit Union present a check to Claudia Rowland, Volunteer Services Coordinator, after collecting money from a Mother's Day gift basket raffle.



The workers of Continuing Care 202 held an Easter party for individuals receiving services.



Members of the group Track 45 entertain at the annual Volunteer Reception.



Participants in the DCW advanced program received certificates from ESMH Director Charles Carlisle for completing their training program.



Debbie Rentz of Sam's Club presents a check to Kelly Mitchell and Betty Stamm to support the 3rd Annual Meridian Open Golf Classic.



Wendy Staples gives a presentation to employees on Weight Watchers.



ESMH Director Charles Carlisle celebrates 5 years as ESMH Director.

MAGNOLIA GROVE SCHOOL RECEIVES FUNDING FROM COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Magnolia Grove School (MGS) recently received two grant awards to enhance the educational experience for students receiving treatment at Bradley Sanders Adolescent Complex. The Phil Hardin Foundation awarded MGS \$12,000 for the "Software for Success" program and the Keep America Beautiful (KAB) Organization presented the school with a \$500 mini-grant for an outdoor classroom.

The Phil Hardin Foundation partnered with the East Mississippi State Hospital (EMSH) Friends Organization, who contributed \$4,000 towards the proposal, and EMSH to fund the \$20,000 project which includes three software programs, three printers, cabling and supplies. The software package will provide computer assisted instruction to MGS students in the core academic areas of reading, language arts, writing, math and science, as well as career tech and life skills. The programs are research based and adapt to different learning styles by incorporating auditory, visual, and tactile learning.

Gayle Butler, computer instructor at MGS said that the software program will be beneficial for all the students. "By offering individualized computer-assisted instruction based on targeted needs, along with classroom instruction, students will be able to progress at their own pace, building confidence and proficiency whether they are to return to their home schools, obtain their GEDs, or prepare for college or the work force." Butler said.

Funds from the KAB grant will be used to construct an outdoor classroom on the MGS campus that will include birdfeeders, birdhouses, a bird bath, and assorted plants and trees that will attract a variety of butterflies, birds, and insects. MGS staff hopes to inspire the students to be excited about learning by using nature as a learning lab. Special outdoor classroom lessons/projects will allow students to leave the regular classroom setting and work individually and collectively on the same lesson fostering students' self confidence, personal responsibility, group commitment, and pride in their work. "We want to encourage our students to develop an appreciation for nature and learn the importance of being good stewards of the environment," said Carla Dean, science instructor at the school.

Wayne Litton, Magnolia Grove School Principal, credited the community organizations for their investment in the school. "We would not be able to provide these programs without the support of the Phil Hardin Foundation and the Keep America Beautiful Organization," Litton said. "We especially appreciate the support of the EMSH Friends Organization for their financial support of the software project and the many other projects that they sponsor for the hospital."

Submitted by:
Betty Moffett Stamm,
Grants Administrator



Wayne Litton, Magnolia Grove School Principal, stands with (from left) Patti Swearingen, Keep America Beautiful (KAB) Commissioner and Sharon Smith, KAB Coordinator following the organization's awards luncheon where Magnolia Grove School was awarded a \$500 mini-grant for an outdoor classroom.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

- **Tijuana Bailey**, a social worker at the Bradley A. Sanders Adolescent Complex, on completing her Master's Degree in Community Counseling from Mississippi State University on May 1, 2009.

- **Evelyn Ward**, a teacher at the Bradley A. Sanders Adolescent Complex, for receiving her Master of Education degree from Mississippi State University-Meridian. Ms. Ward was also an honors graduate.

- **Lee Burrell**, a teacher at the Bradley A. Sanders Adolescent Complex, for completing his Master of Education degree at Mississippi State University- Meridian.

- **Lisa Moffett and LaShonda Banks**, at the Bradley A. Sanders Adolescent Complex, for earning a Master of Science in Counseling Education.

- Congratulations to the following employees of the month at the Bradley A. Sanders Adolescent Complex;

January: Mildred Grayner (nursing)

February: Miquell McGlothlin (QMHP)

March: Danny West (Magnolia Grove School)

April: David Grogan (Environmental Services)

May: Lewis Brown (Recreation)

Miquell McGlothlin was also voted Employee of the Quarter (1st quarter) by his peers



- **Mary Beaty, Maria Britt and Shelia Newbaker** graduated from the State Executive Development Institute (SEDI) on May 8, 2009. They were chosen, along with approximately 30 other government administrators and other professionals throughout the state for the program. MSU President Mark Keenum was the featured speaker for the May 7th concluding banquet at Old Waverly Country Club in West Point, MS.

- Three EMSH employees, **Maria Britt, Shelia Newbaker and Yolonda Atkins**, recently graduated from MDMH's Focus Program. The program gives employees an opportunity to hone their skills to greater and higher personal performances and self awareness. The Focus Program lasts 12 to 18 months and includes 4 multiday retreats.



Pictured (l to r) is Ed LeGrand, DMH Executive Director; Maria Britt and Ann Thames, DMH Director of the Bureau of Workforce Development and Training.



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Pictured (l to r) is Ed LeGrand, DMH Executive Director; Yolonda Atkins and Ann Thames, DMH Director of the Bureau of Workforce Development and Training.

3rd Annual Meridian Open Golf Classic Continues to Soar!

Annual Tournament nets over \$12,000 for EMSH FRIENDS Organization with record turnout.

The 3rd Annual Meridian Open Golf Classic was held May 1, 2009 at Ponta Creek Golf Course at NAS Meridian. This year's tournament not only brought out a record number of golfers, with 40 teams playing in the 3-Man scramble, but also brought on the competition as two teams vied for 1st place in the tournament with a score of 59. The Bypass One Stop team of Al Jones, Chris Thompson and Justin Catlett went up against Chuck Gordon, David Gordon and Jerry Hooks in a scorecard playoff after both teams shot 13 under par. The playoff resulted in Bypass One Stop winning 1st place and Gordon, Gordon and Hooks taking 2nd place. Coming in a close third was the Sam's Club team of Ronnie Harris, Dan Murray and Judd Nance with a 60.

Additional winners of \$100 each in Pro Shop gift certificates were Citizens National Bank's Amy Jacob for straightest drive, Ikon Office Solutions' Jim McCollough for longest drive, and Al Jones and Jim McCollough for closest to the hole. Wild Card drawings of \$50 each for team members who did not place in the winners' bracket were awarded to Deputies "R" Us Joseph Boswell, John Calhoun, and Everett McShepard, Medicap Pharmacy's Leslie Hull, Flint Tedder, and Mark Vick and Covington Kendall's Larry McKnight, Bobby Nicholson, and Reid Kennedy.

"EMSH tournament marshals and a host of volunteers from both the Facility and the community worked together to produce a must-play event that now has us facing the possibility of hosting two flights in 2010," remarked an elated Larry McKnight, Tournament Director. "In three years the tournament appears to have established itself. Our goal now is to keep it fun," responded Kelly Mitchell, Teams Chairman. Overall, this years tournament netted over \$10,000 for the EMSH FRIENDS organization, which supports activities for those receiving services at EMSH and scholarships for employees returning to school to further their education.



3rd Annual Meridian Open Golf Classic
Winners: Team Bypass One Stop: (From L to R)
Al Jones, Chris Thompson and Justin Catlett.
Pictured with CAO Larry McKnight.



ABOVE TOP: Laurie Martin and Larry McKnight pose with Citizens National Bank water bottles. Citizens donated the water bottles in addition to their contribution as a Gold Sponsor. ABOVE BOTTOM: Louis Alonso & Rickey Hall enjoy manning the grill during the tournament.



ABOVE TOP: Renee Swearingin helps clean up after a long day. ABOVE BOTTOM: Mel Edmonds & Wanda Kennedy enjoy a ride!



ABOVE TOP: Rick Davis of Meridian Cycles stands next to the Polaris atv that was up for grabs at the tournament. BELOW: Meridian Open Committee member Diana Egler chauffers volunteer Bree Magnusson around on the beverage cart.



ABOVE TOP: Golfers practice their swings before the tourney. BELOW: Amy Jacob accepts her check for Straightest Drive.

Municipal & District 82 Election Candidates "Meet & Greet" EMSH Employees

Meridian city council, mayoral and MS House candidates face tough issues and questions from EMSH employees before election day.

On Wednesday, May 27th, EMSH hosted a political "Meet and Greet" for the City of Meridian's Mayoral and Council candidates. Republicans Cheri Barry, Dr. George Thomas, and Barbara Henson joined Democrats Percy Bland, Mary Perry, Randle Jennings, Jesse Palmer Sr, and John C. Harris for a time of introduction to our employees. Republican Bobby Smith was unable to attend due to illness. Candidates with opposition in the election presented individual platforms in the very informal setting. Afterwards, all present enjoyed refreshments provided by the Dietary Department.

On June 2, the following people were elected to serve the City of Meridian for the next four years:

- Cheri Barry - Republican, Mayor**
- Dr. George Thomas - Republican, City Council Ward 1**
- Mary Perry - Democrat, City Council Ward 2**
- Barbara Henson - Republican, City Council Ward 3**
- Jesse E. Palmer, Sr. - Democrat, City Council Ward 4**
- Bobby R. Smith - Republican, City Council Ward 5**

News of our City "Meet & Greet" got out and within a month, the House 82 Special Election candidates also came to EMSH. The questions facing Wilbert Jones and Bill Marcy got a bit more specific since one of these men would soon become a voice and hopefully an advocate for our Facility in the MS State Legislature. Both men were well informed about facts and myths pertaining to Medicaid funding and privatization rumors and both assured us that indeed we could count them in as a strong supporter of the MDMH. On June 30th, Wilbert Jones (D) was elected to fulfill the unexpired term of Charles Young Sr. who died on April 29, 2009.



ABOVE: Mayoral & City Council Candidates with CAO Larry McKnight. BELOW: District 82 candidates Bill Marcy (Left) & Wilbert Jones (Right) with Larry McKnight.



Shipmates Clean-Up At Cedar Haven and BASAC During EMSH Volunteer Workday

On Saturday, June 6, 2009, EMSH held a joint clean-up day with the NTTC Shipmates from NAS Meridian at Cedar Haven Cemetery and BASAC.

Members of both parties spent the morning and a large portion of the afternoon picking up dead limbs, cutting back brush, weed eating and filling in sunken areas of earth at both locations.

NTTC Shipmates are a volunteer group put together by NAS-Meridian. The Shipmates are in town for approximately two months to attend technical classes. While here, they assist with community service projects in the Meridian area. Most of the 26 Shipmates who were here at EMSH on Saturday had been in town, and for some in Mississippi, for less than a week. They hailed from 17 different states and the Cedar Haven Cemetery/BASAC clean-up project was their first outing off base! Thanks for your help NTTC Shipmates!



The NTTC Shipmates and EMSH employees take a break by the BASAC lake after a long day of work.



EMSH RE-LEIS FOR LIFE AT 2009 CELEBRATION

Re-Lei for Life: Luau for a Cure was the theme for EMSH's Relay for Life team for the 25th anniversary of the American Cancer Society's premiere event. Thanks to a tremendous effort from the Relay committee, EMSH was able to raise approximately \$2500 for the American Cancer Society.

EMSH participated in several different fundraisers in preparation of Relay. The Relay team sold chicken salad plates, sausage & biscuits and bar-b-que chicken plates. The annual garage sale was held on April 4, 2009 and consisted of several hundred buyers & sellers throughout the morning. The EMSH Relay t-shirts were also a huge success in 2009, with over 100 t-shirts being ordered and picked-up over a 3 week span of time. Taking over the mailroom foyer in the Administration building once again this year were the Relay suns & moons, which were displayed above the red brick close to the ceiling.

The big celebration was held May 1, 2009 at Northeast Soccer Complex in Meridian. Once the EMSH tent was decorated with bamboo siding, grass skirting and numerous other luau supplies, EMSH employees enjoyed walking around the track that was brightened by the hundreds of luminaries and torches that were placed for those battling or who lost their battle to cancer. EMSH says thank you to everyone who came out and supported the Relay fundraisers and luminary walk.



The 2009 EMSH Relay for Life team

Contributed by: Pam Grayson



Employees Missy Smith & Earon Cannon post RFL suns & moons around the mailroom foyer.



Patricia Alonso and daughter Andrea enjoy the fun & games that Relay offers to everyone.



Many hands involved in putting together the luau-themed tent for this year's 25th Anniversary Celebration of Relay for Life. (L to R): Kenny Lewis, Pam Grayson, Patricia Alonso, Stacy Malone & Claudia Rowland.



EMSH purchased a Memory Torch to honor employees who lost their battles to cancer.



EMSH employee Miranda Gonzalez is pictured with Reginald Jones, Miriam Clark and Ray & Sheila Larkin at the RFL grandstand.

KEMPER COUNTY GROUP HOME RAISES OVER \$1600 FOR RELAY 4 LIFE



Pictured is Randy Gully serving popcorn to a fellow Relayer.

EMSH's three Kemper County Group Homes were proud "first time" participants in this year's Kemper County Relay for Life. Held June 5th on the Courthouse Square, the event increased its giving totals by the \$1617.00 that was donated by our creative residents who conducted raffles, a rummage sale, and sell-outs on food items that included homemade baked goods, hot dogs, popcorn, snow cones, and barbecue chicken plates. The team, chaired by Captain Denise Seales and Co-Captain Pamela Drummond, was continuously assisted by volunteers KGHs' supervisor Linda Grady, chefs Don Rowland, Michael Hicks, Betty Broaden, and Teresa Boyd, servers Jamie Jackson and Randy Gully, and the ever-present Claudia Rowland who did anything and everything

to make sure that the event was not only successful, but fun.. BINGO, story time and the Mega Bouncer for the kids were among the fun things offered at the team booth.

Juanice Evans, Executive Director of the Kemper County Chamber of Commerce, recently sent EMSH a letter of appreciation concerning the 32 residents of KCGHs. She writes, "Kemper County is fortunate to be the benefactor of residents who go to church, shop, and participate in annual community events. I am not surprised that these fine men and women worked so hard to raise funds for RFL. Afterall, this is their home!"

Contributed by: Pamela Drummond

4000+ HOURS GIVE EMSH A SUCCESSFUL VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROGRAM FOR 2008

On April 23, 2009, EMSH recognized approximately 4000 volunteer hours contributed by employees, civic groups, military organizations and church volunteers at the annual Volunteer Reception. Held at the Friendship Center, over 200 attendees were treated to an informative program presented by Larry McKnight, EMSH CAO, on the success of EMSH's Community Services Division. The division, which is made up of 9 group homes located in Lauderdale, Clarke and Kemper counties, continues to raise the bar on placement back into the community across the state for individuals receiving services. The presentation was not only educational, but a testament to EMSH being good stewards of state tax dollars. In addition to Mr. McKnight's informative presentation, the afternoon afforded everyone the opportunity to enjoy the talents of several EMSH Departments. Maintenance pulled every available table and chair from throughout our Facility for set-up. Public Information's King Ferguson created a montage of the volunteer year in review. Information Technology's Phil Jenkins and Joe Eastman monitored all of Friendship Center's new audio equipment. Dietary Director JoAnn Knight and her staff prepared a delectable afternoon buffet. Recreation's Terrie Portis, RPWNF's Therapeutic Staff and Friendship Center's staff assisted with the set-up and take-down, and synchronizing it all was Claudia Rowland, Volunteer Services Coordinator.



Highlights of the afternoon included guests listening to the youthful sounds of Track 45, a group of local musicians who are a dedicated part of the EMSH volunteer family, the presentation of certificates of service, and a special recognition of our military. Charles Vincent, one of our most creative volunteers, graciously donated several of his handmade Mississippi clocks to honor men and women in uniform who attended our annual reception. Honorees receiving clocks were the MS National Guard represented by Col. Robert Thomas, Asst. MNG Adjutant General, the NTTC Shipmates and the 155th Brigade, which was recently deployed to Iraq in June. Captain Rick Rowland, Don and Claudia's son accepted the clock.

According to Susie Broadhead, Director of Public Information, Claudia is the glue that holds the volunteer effort together at EMSH. "Claudia's passion and compassion for what we do is best displayed when she's providing hands-on interaction between the community and the individuals we serve. She is the catalyst that it takes to recruit and keep the number of volunteers who come here simply to give of themselves."



Volunteer Coordinator Claudia Rowland presents Kyle Naylor of Pine Grove Church with a certificate.



Larry McKnight thanks volunteer Charles Vincent for his volunteer hours and creative genius.



Riley Hospital Lab Corp, Marie West, 1st Ladies Civitan, Barbara Clark of Phoenix Security and MSU Psychology Club.



Members of the NTTC Shipmates are regular volunteers for EMSH helping with various projects.



Volunteer Jessie Cryer was the winner for a MS clock.



Representatives from Muna Federal Credit Union, 1st MS Federal Credit Union & Meridian Mutual Credit Union

Employee Anniversaries

January 2009 - July 2009

5 Years

Ruby Braden, Edna Call, Carolyn Hopson, Sampson Hudson, Ramona Lewis, Ethel Mosley, Judd Nance, Carolyn Naylor, Sharonda Ruffin, Steve Swogetinsky, Serena Thompson, Jaquema Watkins, Darnell Wilson, Janise Wilson

10 Years

Lewis Brown, Jimmie Butler, Patricia Carter, Douglas Chisolm, Patricia Clark, Stella Gervin-Ward, Maria Harris, Laura Holloway, Deborah Lewis, Lisa Little, Ocie McDade, James Mitchell, Stacy Newell, Jesusa Phalp, Jennifer Reid, Walter Stillman, Debra Ward, Ernest Webster.

15 Years

Michelle R. Avery, Milton Burrage, Ruth Ethridge, Joann Gordon, Hollis Hall, Christine Mosley, Johnny B. Tinsley, Alberta Truitt

20 Years

Charles Carlisle, Cloria Hampton, Patricia Lynch, James Malone, Martha Sue McClemore, James McRee, Jenny Roberts, Angela Rodgers, Barbara Shields, Clara Smith, Anna Marie Welborn

25 Years

Betty Newell, Mary Dunn

35 Years

Ann Glazar

BRADLEY A. SANDERS
ADOLESCENT COMPLEX



BASAC has had a bevy of activity over the past several months. The GED passage rate for Magnolia Grove School is up to 90% since January and a total of 10 individuals receiving services from BASAC have been awarded their GEDs.

Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) training began earlier this year under the direction of Lorrie Perry, Director of Psychology at BASAC and Chris Barnes, BASAC Director. The training, which consists of 4 hours monthly, helps employees to look at different behaviors and analyze how changes in the environment can either positively or negatively influence those behaviors.

On April 18th, individuals receiving services at BASAC participated in the Adalius Thomas Football Camp on the campus of the University of Southern Mississippi. Thomas, an NFL PRO-BOWLER with the New England Patriots and former Southern Miss Golden Eagle, was the featured instructor for his non-contact football camp and stressed the basic fundamentals of football. The camp also featured other guests who spoke on a variety of different subjects.

BASAC also recently held their 2nd Annual Parents as Partners in Prevention/Family Day which was hosted by Prevention Services. In an effort to further involve the families of those individuals receiving services at BASAC, parents are invited to attend and gain information through various pamphlets and booths that are set up.

BASAC is looking forward to an exciting and busy summer with activities planned including:

- Fishing & Picnic lunch at Okatibbee
- Karaoke Night
- Tennis at Sammie Davidson Complex
- Hiking & Picnic at Bonita Lakes
- Roller Skating at Skate Odyssey
- Steve McNair Football Camp at USM
- Summer Sizzle on July 30th.

REGINALD P. WHITE NURSING FACILITY

Residents of the R.P. White Nursing Facility recently got the pleasure of enjoying a night out at Meridian Little Theatre’s final production of the 76th season. Twenty residents and staff members enjoyed watching “A Chorus Line”, which is considered to be Broadway’s longest line, and all were greeted by performers after the show. Each year, MLT generously gives tickets to EMSH individuals receiving services for each of the plays that are performed each season.



Steve Swogetinsky, Administrator at R.P. White, speaks with a member of the community at the Lauderdale County Council on Aging fish fry, in which approximately 1000 people attended this year. Among those in attendance were IRS from the hospital and residents from RPWNF. In addition the Departments of Public Information and Volunteer Services as well Recreation and RPWNF’s Therapeutic Programming assisted with the event.



On May 28, 2009, Wanda Kennedy, Director of R.P. White Nursing Facilities, was invited to speak at an information exchange with the Lauderdale County Council on Aging. Kennedy provided information on the services at RPWNF and also talked about some of the issues that face older Americans.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

North Hills Group Home opened its doors on March 3, 2009 to seven adult females. The individuals receiving services admitted to this group home come from East MS State Hospital’s ICS and Lewis 3 Units. The ladies enjoy attending the Friendship Center daily where they can interact with other group home residents and participate in special therapy groups.



Located on North Hills Street, the group home is nestled amongst beautiful trees and has a large deck for socializing, reading or just relaxing. This new addition to Community Services/Residential Living has given seven individuals the opportunity to experience community living when they may not have otherwise had the chance.

The North Hills Street Group Home ladies showed off their green thumbs during June, when members of Central United Methodist Church joined them to plant over 300 bulbs donated to the home by Van Zyverden Bulb Company. The bulbs were planted along the front and sides of the newly occupied women’s group home.

